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For: PERIPHERAL DEVICE FOR  
INFORMATION PROCESSING  
AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

The undersigned has been advised that U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/748,856 and 09/748,857, both filed December 28, 2000, which are pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, may be related to the subject application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under U.S. law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

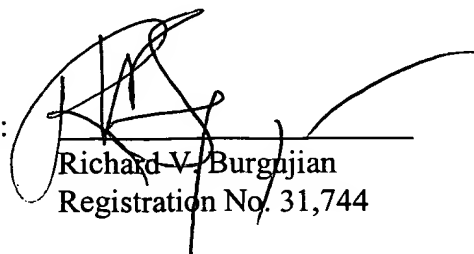
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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